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Peter Pape Receives Math Award



Peter Pape, an Alma College freshman from Deckerville, Michigan, was singled out to receive the award as the outstanding freshman in the Department of Mathematics during his first semester at the College.

This honor was presented to him by Dr. Thorndike, Head of the Department in the presence of Dr. Swanson, President of Alma Col-

lege, and Walton Myhrum, his college algebra instructor, during the first semester.

The award was a book of mathematical tables, Standard Mathematical Tables, given by the Chemical Rubber Company, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pape of Deckerville, Michigan.

Dean's List Replaces Honor Roll

The Honor Roll has been discontinued here at Alma College. In its place has been initiated the Dean's List. For a student to be eligible to attain a position on this, a minimum average of 2.50 must be obtained. Last semester ten students made a 3.00 average which is straight A. The seniors lead in both the number of 3 pointers and total number of students on the Dean's List. Following is a complete list of those honored:

Seniors: Una Edwards, 3.00; Marilyn Mott, 3.00; Ward Patton, 3.00; Fred Schmidt, 3.00; Jerry Schubel, 3.00; Mary Margaret Johnson, 2.85; Paula Bare, 2.81; Elenore Gieser, 2.81; Donald Miller, 2.78; Thayer Talcott, 2.71; David McDowell, 2.64; Alan Cordill, 2.61; William Tracy, 2.57; Robert Watterworth, 2.57; Sandra Frabutt, 2.56; Jeanne Preslar, 2.55; Lynn Hahn, 2.53.

Juniors: Carol Blanck, 3.00; Janet Kerby, 3.00; Judy Juilleret, 2.80; Jean Molyneux, 2.77; Christ Goutis, 2.75; Janet Jackson, 2.66; Marilyn Black, 2.61; Henry Bova, 2.61; Mary Lou Heberlein, 2.60; Ralph Shook, 2.57; Robert Bierley, 2.50; Marie Boyce, 2.50.

Sophomores: Rachel Closser, 3.00; Richard Heuschele, 3.00; Nancy Johnson, 2.87; Robert Luoma, 2.81; Lauralee Shaft, 2.81; Wilma Runyon, 2.80; Clessen Martin, 2.68; Barbara Harris, 2.62; Elizabeth McQueen, 2.62; Phyllis Moreen, 2.60; Jack Forbes, 2.56; Bruce Farrell, 2.55; Roderick MacIntosh, 2.52; Robert Rhodes, 2.52; Roger Dyke, 2.50; JoAnne Stocker, 2.50.

Freshmen: Margaret Hostetler, 3.00; Robert Wollard, 3.00; Diane Russell, 2.87; Peter Pape, 2.76;

TAX TALK SLATED

The Economics Club is having a profitable speaker on March 7th. Mr. Marvin Grey is being brought to us through Dr. Meyer of the Business Administration Department. Mr. Grey is the collection agent for central Michigan for the Internal Revenue Department. He will speak on jobs, qualifications, pay scale and the general theme of this department's duties.

Everyone is welcome, especially those in Business Administration courses, and Economic Courses. Please come, it will be a help to you in later years. Also there will be a question and answer period. This is March 7, 7:30 p.m. Room 100, Old Main.

Carole Gehman, 2.75; Aleda Price, 2.75; Geraldine Sechrist, 2.75; Kei Lee, 2.68; John Goodenow, 2.64; Elizabeth Janssen, 2.61; Karen Taracks, 2.56; Nancy Erber, 2.53; Judith Willmore, 2.53; Louis Goecker, 2.50.

Romance Blossoms at Alma College

As of late, many couples are being engaged, pinned, and even married here on our fair little campus. Last Saturday, Joan Frederick and Donald Godfrey were married in the Alma College Chapel at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Godfrey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Frederick of 1005 Mussoit street, Clawson, Michigan, and Mr. Godfrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Godfrey of Allegan, Michigan.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Everett Riley, pastor of the Alma Church of God. The bride, attired in her ballerina length wedding gown was given away by her father. Before the ceremony, Miss Mary Lou Hartwick, also a student of Alma, sang "I Love You Truly" and, during the ceremony, she sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Donald Jackson, who is also a student here, was the organist.

The wedding reception was held in the Alma Church of God annex. Miss Ruth Anderson, college roommate of the bride, served as hostess at the reception, with Dr. and Mrs. Donald Lemon of Alma pouring; Miss Mary Ann Hagley and Miss Margaret Gardner, both students of Alma, serving the wedding cake.

After their week-long honeymoon at Washington D.C., they will reside at 631 Gratiot street in Alma. Don graduated from Alma in June of last year. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and an outstanding member of the baseball team. Joan will graduate this June and is a member of the Alpha Theta sorority.

Besides the marriage several girls have been pinned and one engaged. Miss Karen Dodge, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dodge of Carson City, is engaged to Dr. Leslie V. Spriggs, who is on the staff of the Carson City hospital. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

PLACEMENT OFFICE ANNOUNCES JOB OFFERS

Seniors who are looking for positions in business, industry or in teaching are now having opportunities to interview representatives from business concerns and schools at the Placement office on the Alma college campus.

Notices are being posted daily on the Placement office bulletin board located in the corridor on the first floor of Old Main. In addition to openings for seniors, summer jobs and part-time positions are listed on this bulletin board.

Professor Harlan R. McCall, Director of Placement, states that the following businesses and schools will have representatives on the campus during the next weeks:

Monday, March 4: Hoover school, Flint.

Tuesday, March 5: Chevrolet — Bay City, looking for business administration juniors for summer as well as full-time personnel.

Wednesday, March 6: Dow-giac schools.

Thursday, March 7: S. S. Kresge Co.

Friday, March 8: Mr. Ostler, Field Representative of Social Security Adm., re. Federal Career opportunities, Room 102, Old Main.

Tuesday, March 12: Shell Oil Co., looking particularly for business administration personnel; Hazel Park Schools.

Thursday, March 14: The Travelers, insurance company, looking for salaried personnel, training program.

Friday, March 15: L'Anse Creuse schools, Mt. Clemens.

Monday, March 18: Grandville public schools.

Tuesday, March 19: W. T. Grant Co.; Factory Mutual Engineering Division, looking for those who have had some pre-engineering subjects.

Wednesday, March 20: J. C. Penney Co., retail sales personnel; Cass City public schools.

Arrangements may be made in the placement office for interviews with any of the representatives visiting the campus. Additional information concerning the above listed openings will be found on the bulletin board or in the Placement office.

International Night to Be Held March 8

International Night is a colorful carnival, sponsored by the foreign language clubs and put on with the cooperation of all the campus organizations. It is held in Tyler Center on March 8, from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. During the last few weeks, clubs, sororities, and fraternities have been busy planning booths for their organizations. Each organization sets up a booth representing its work in one form or another. These booths line the walls, giving the effect of a Mardi Gras. German, French, and Spanish movies are shown on the stage. All kinds of typical foods and drinks are sold. In the Spanish Club's booth you will be surrounded by a Spanish atmosphere. Sombreros and gay posters will hang from the booth. You will hear Spanish songs and see Spanish dancers. Toward the end of the evening a surprise is in store for all. A large pinata filled with candy will be suspended from the ceiling. Students will be blindfolded and given sticks to break the pinata. When it is broken the candy scatters and everyone makes a scramble for it. This is sure to be a night of fun and festivity for all.

Record Budget Announced for 1957-'58 and Tuition Increase Slated

A new record-breaking budget has been approved by the Board of Trustees for the operation of the College during the 1957-'58 school year. The new figure represents an increase of 20% over the current budget for the 1956-'57 year.

During this past year we have all heard a great deal about a better and stronger Alma—a stronger faculty, curriculum improvement, better facilities, high selectivity in recruitment of students, etc. This new budget is a concrete and dramatic indication of the administration's seriousness of purpose in its attempt to strengthen the entire educational program. In addition, it both signals and necessitates a commitment by every member of the College community—students, faculty, and administration alike—to key his efforts to the highest pitch.

Admissions standards have already been raised, the promise is bright for better facilities, curriculum improvement is being thoroughly studied by the Long Range Planning Committee, and the new budget permits the addition of six new staff members for next year. One has already been named: Jacob DeYoung from Wayne State University as Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Also to be appointed by this spring are a professor of English, an assistant professor of psychology, an assistant coach in the physical education department, a full-time Dean of Men, and a director of student activities for Tyler Center.

This staff expansion in anticipation of a larger student enrollment is a sign of progress but President Swanson has given assurance that bigness is not to be an end in itself. "Before we become a larger school we must become a better school," he said. "Succumbing to the pressures of the so-called enrollment bulge would be to choose the easy way. We believe that Alma must offer more than an opportunity to get a college education.

"Cafeteria style programs may be popular; they may even be cheap. The question is: Do we want simply to join 'the parade' or have we the vision, the courage and the wisdom to strengthen our program with an eye for quality before we become enamored with the current craze for quantity?"

But obviously quality costs. Not only must the Church and individual Alma supporters dig deeper next year, but so must the students. In approving the 20% increase in the total College budget for the year, the Board at the same time approved an 11% increase in tuition, from the present \$450 per year to \$500 beginning in September, 1957. The noteworthy point here is that although the Church and private individuals already bear more than one-third of the total cost of each student's educa-

tion, these friends and contributors are now prepared to assume an even greater share of that cost, for the total cost of operating the College next year has risen by 20%, while the cost to the student rises only 11%. Other charges and fees will remain unchanged, pending the Student Council's estimate of its needs for the student activities program.

Perhaps even more significant as an indication of concern for the quality student is the announcement of the enlarged scholarship program. There will be 21 new freshman scholarships and 25 upperclass ones. For freshmen there will be five for \$500, eight for high school valedictorians at \$250, and eight for salutatorians at \$150. For upperclassmen of superior attainment, there will be five at \$500, ten at \$250, and ten at \$150. These will be in addition to the already existing General Motors, Detroit Edison, Consumers Power, and other area scholarships.

Alma wants the best; and the best for a college is the strongest possible educational program. Again President Swanson has pointed out those areas for emphasis: "The issue is not between being a large school or a small one. Size itself has no inherent virtues. What really counts is the quality of teaching; the attention given to students as individuals; the opportunities for free and independent thought and study; and most important, the creation of an academic atmosphere in which teaching and learning have priority over pedagogical prescriptions for graduation."

Larry Braack to Go to Pakistan

Larry Braack, Alma College sophomore from Spring Lake, has been named as one of the participants in next year's Junior Year Abroad Program sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Each year several Presbyterian students are selected from the hundreds applying from colleges throughout the United States to spend their junior year at one of fifteen designated colleges and universities located in Europe, Mexico, Japan, Pakistan, Lebanon, and the Philippines. Among other qualifications these students must have attained a "B" average in their first two years of college work. The Presbyterian Church describes them as informal ambassadors.

Braack will go to Forman Christian University in Lahore, Pakistan, where he will pursue a large scientific course of study. He is a pre-medical student at Alma and plans for a career as a medical missionary. After his year in Pakistan, he will return to Alma for his senior year.

This marks the second year in which an Alma College student has been selected for this program. Lois Welberry having spent the 1955-56 academic year at the International Christian University in Japan.

Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Braack of 118 Parkhurst, Spring Lake, Michigan.

SWANSON, CHOIR TO REPRESENT ALMA

The Westminster Fellowship of the Royal Oak Presbyterian church will play host on Sunday evening, March 3, to the young people's groups from all the Presbyterian Churches in the Detroit Presbytery.

Program time is 7:00 p.m., with Alma College featured as the special presentation of the evening. Dr. Robert D. Swanson, President of Alma College will speak, and the Alma A Cappella Choir and the Kiltie Lassies will be featured in the remainder of the program.

The A Cappella Choir, now in its 26th year, numbers 60 mixed voices and is under the direction of Dr. Ernest G. Sullivan, head of the College Music Department. The six tartan clad Kiltie Lassies will present a variety of Scottish dances.

This program is being promoted by the Westminster Fellowship of the Royal Oak and surrounding churches.

A social hour will immediately follow the program.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT INCREASES 5 PER CENT

The second semester of the 1956-57 college year began at Alma College on February 4 with the registration of a total student body of 681. This spring semester finds 424 men and 245 women students plus 12 enrolled on a part-time basis. Of the second semester registrants there are 43 young people who are new to the College campus.

Included in the list of new students are two more additions to the foreign student group. Euripides Nittis, from Cyprus, is a freshman. His brother, Charles, graduated from a four year course at Alma College last June. These two young men are the nephews of Dr. Nittis, a physician in New York, who is familiar with Alma College through his sister, Bernice King, former head of the Home Economics Department. Chun Ja is also a new student, coming to us from Seoul, Korea, where she had previously been a student for two years at Ewha Women's University.

Another 73 young people are special students in the Music Department and Senior High School Divisions. This makes a total of 808 students using the Alma College facilities for the spring term.

The total of 808 for the year marks an increase of 5.0% over last year's total, while the current spring semester figure of 681 is an increase of 7.6% over the 1956 spring semester.

Challenge Turns to Accusation

Again the plea goes out to the student body for support. Although the last edition strongly voiced the need for student support of their publication it was not heeded and was just a lost voice in the wilderness. It is wondered what it takes to enliven the student body to their responsibility. The column of Letters to the Editor should be overflowing with criticism or praise, but neither has appeared. Once again the motifs were chased out from the Almanian box in the library. It stands in mute testimony of a lost cause.

Many students have asked us why we do not work harder to collect news. Our staff is limited as it is. Besides this we are like you, regular students who are trying to get a college education (whatever that is). The amount of work the staff does is already a great enough burden both physically and mentally. This is why we ask for your support with a strong appeal for cooperation.

The news is all around us—you, me, and the fellow sitting over there. You see it happen as well as we do. Evidently it is your unwillingness to do a single bit of work that results in the difficulty of locating this news to print. If you could just write a small notation of a happening, past, present, or future, and drop it into the Almanian box it would greatly help.

This would also give us, the staff, an idea of what the students would like to see in the Almanian. As it now is two students must use their judgment as to what six hundred seventy-nine other students want to see and read. This certainly does not make a student newspaper but merely the views and selections of the few for the many.

The previous edition showed some initiative on the part of the student body. Now we ask you to look closely at this edition. Did you enjoy it? Or do you find it somewhat lacking in spirit, interest and real news. We on the staff more or less agree on the latter, but we cannot go on banging our heads against the stone wall that exists.

This is no longer a challenge from us to you, but an accusation and a plea for the help that will make this paper other than something to remove from the mailbox and throw directly into the waste paper basket. Remember your money is paying for this publication. It is a student affair, for the students, about the students, and by the students.

If you can get up the initiative to write the editor on anything in connection with the Almanian we would appreciate it. Through this method and in this way alone can we see and then write what you want to read.

In experimenting with news of events that might interest students we included a story of a recent wedding and engagements in the hopes that we receive some remarks either pro or con.

Everyone complains to the editor but when asked to write a letter the answer is negative. We certainly hope this attitude changes before the next issue is prepared for the press.

C.G.

Dear Mr. Editor—

In the last issue of the paper I noticed that you finally got some help from us (that is the student body). Well, all I can say is that it's about time. I even saw one of my own in print and even if I say so myself it's different when it's in the paper than it is in your own handwriting. You will receive one feature from me and my cohort for every issue.

Although it may not be printed every time it certainly gives one the feeling of contributing their voice to that of other students.

I hope that other students wake up and help out, too.

Yours sincerely,
J.H.

HOW USEFUL ARE EXAMS?

The question of whether exams such as College entrance tests are valuable has been debated for a long, long time. Many students who take the entrance tests which are given each year, complain that the tests are boring and time consuming and completely useless.

Let us consider the facts. Most students entering college have only a vague idea of their knowledge of the English grammar, literature, and vocabulary. They do not know whether or not they are capable of handling English 1A. Most young people cannot judge the amount of fact they are able to retain from their reading.

Let's take for instance a pre-med student and face the hard facts. This particular student had better have a whopper of a vocabulary and an A class reading re-

tainment percentage. A foreign language major or an education major had better know his English grammar backwards and forwards. This English entrance test shows what particular individuals lack in certain phases of English and what they need to develop and what classes are best suited to this development.

As far as the aptitude test is concerned you may be the type of person who knows just what he wants and just what his interests are. But believe it or not there are many young people who have not yet found their real interests in life and who haven't the vaguest notion of what vocation they're best suited for. By asking the students very personal questions and evaluating the answers, test scorers can determine a student's interests and vocational aptitude. And what could be more helpful to a teenager just entering college than this.

What's the Matter Who's Who Among Students with the Alma Mater

This is a cafeteria, an average college cafeteria. Here they serve approximately five hundred and twenty students a meal. The atmosphere here seems average and without a lot of confusion. But if you only knew the real story.

My name is Jerry Donatelli-mater, the time is 7:35 and the breakfast line is just opening. The menu for today consists of orange juice, oatmeal, or dry cereal, cereals, rolls and a beverage. The meal looks real good so I'll have my buddy talk to the girl and keep her busy while I take just two glasses of juice for us and a couple more sweet rolls. When we get outside the door both of us bust out laughing because we really put one over on the girl serving on the line. Time: 7:45. Here come a couple of my buddies. They got up late and don't want to stand in line so we give them our plates so they can pretend they are going back for seconds, and won't have to stand in line. Say, my mom mate said his parents were coming up today and bringing some apple pie. I'll just take these few fruits here, nobody wants dirty old fruits anyway.

Well, it's lunch time now and my buddies and I are standing outside the door to the Commons. Here comes the girl who opens the door. Let's all rush in and see if we can push somebody down and walk on them or push some girl through the plate glass window. Whew! I didn't think that I would make it today. I had to push that chair in front of the guy in a red sweater or he would have beaten me to the front of the line. Oh, boy! look what's for lunch. Strawberry short cake! While she's not looking I'll just slip a couple of extras on my plate and she'll never know it. You know I just don't take the stuff for the hell of it. I am skinny and I need to gain some weight, and I don't care if the last guy in the line doesn't get any dessert. I need two desserts. Now I'll get some milk. I'll take two glasses of milk, too, because it is a long way to walk back up here to get a second glass and the sign says take only one. Besides the bust boys can wash more if they need them. Well, that was a pretty good meal. Come on, Joe, finish up while I write my name in mustard in this plate. Oh, well, I don't have to clean up anyway.

Here it is 8:00 already and I am sitting for one of the regular bus boys. My job is to pick up the fishes and take them back to the rear where they are washed. I am in a big hurry so I'll only scrape the food off the top two and nobody will ever know that I didn't clean all of them. And this silver I'll just jam down in the box upside down. That will make it harder for the guy cleaning and wiping silver in the back. Oh! I don't like him anyway. Gee, it's almost 8:00 and I have a date. I guess that the rest of the guys can clean up what's left so I'll just slip out quietly.

So ends my day. Each day is the same to me only some days I don't do as good as I should. Today I only made things unpleasant for the cook, girls serving the line, the bus and milk boys, the guys we trampled in the rush for the door, and all the other people we made stand in line longer while we gave our buddies cuts, and the other students who didn't get anything to eat because my buddies and I had seconds when we weren't supposed to. Do you know that someone had the nerve to ask me to quit acting like the cafe was here for my benefit. Well, isn't it and if it isn't who's going to stop me????

Signed,
Bob and J



Donald Jackson and wife talk over future plans

Two of the busiest people at Alma are Donald and Janet Jackson. Don was born November 26, 1935 and lived in Holt until coming to Alma. Janet was born June 11, 1936 in Lansing and lived there until she was in the fifth grade when she moved to Holt.

While in high school Janet participated in band, chorus, dance band, solo ensemble, class treasurer, and in her senior year graduated at the head of her class. Janet was also very active in church work in Holt as moderator of Westminster Fellowship and a member of the church choir. Many of Janet's high school interests have carried over into college with her activities in band, a cappella choir, and duo-piano. She has also participated as a member of the Kappa Iota sorority and the Spanish club. Janet is a music major with minors in Spanish and social science.

Don also is a very active individual. In high school Don's activities consisted of band, choir, dance band, track, basketball, varsity club, and he was also the student council president. In 1952 Don attended Boys State at Michigan State University. This year was also important in the life of these two as they began their long courtship. Don, during his high school

days was also active in church work in the field of youth work and the church. Don was for one year moderator of the Holt Westminster Fellowship. At Alma Don has continued his participation in social life, as a member of the track team, student council, intramural sports, interfraternity council, Delta Gamma Tau fraternity, and president of the Alma Christian Ass'n. This is also Don's second year as a member of Who's Who.

On August 25, 1964, Don and Janet were married, a day not long to be forgotten by these two.

Don and Janet today both sing in the local church choir and teach Sunday school. During the week besides attending school and the many activities, Don works at the Alma Plastics Co.

What holds for the future? Next year Don enters Princeton Theological Seminary while Janet will complete her degree at New Jersey State Teachers College. After Janet graduates in June of 1968 she is planning to go into elementary or secondary music teaching. Don, when completing Seminary wants to work as an institutional chaplain.

The best that could be said of these two is, "Congratulations and best wishes for all that the future holds for both of you."

Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Mr. Editor:

We feel that there are some things on this campus that should be brought to the attention of all concerned. Therefore, although this letter is addressed to you it is for every person connected with life at Alma.

Are you, the students of Alma, tired of being confused with other Michigan colleges of this size? It's not their fault you can't be recognized. They aren't the ones who will be making or breaking Alma College. They aren't the ones who ignore sports, dances, plays and class activities on our campus. You're the ONE!

Let's face up to reality—Alma isn't what it should or could be. The activities here are not well attended and there is little or no cooperation or school spirit shown in the planning groups.

It's time the faculty and administration woke up, recognized the existence of problems, admitted to themselves and to the college as a whole all is not rosy on the Alma campus, and did something about it. We've heard of the committee on faculty-student relations. What is this committee trying to accomplish and how many not on it know what it's doing?

The last Almanian ran two editorials on what's wrong with your school paper. They neglected the fact that it is not just the Almanian that's going to the dogs, it's the

whole campus. You haven't time for a basketball game, dance, play, concert, or anything planned for you—but do you have time to shoot the bull in the union or dorms.

In a recent sermon Rev. Duder called this the age of "repressed friendliness." This fact is in evidence here—at a college with a reputation for friendliness. Yes, you still have a "HF" for people you pass. But do you mean it or are you only a parrot, repeating what you have heard should be said? In a college of this size there is no room for condemnation of anyone because of class standing, fraternity, sorority, church, or high grades without the use of ponies.

A small college can be an active community, a home away from home and not a dungeon. All it would take here is a little life. If half the student body rolled over in their graves (and it must be admitted that we have living dead here on campus) we'd have a good sized earthquake, enough to set Alma so far ahead there could be mixup as to where and what Alma really is. If each one of you put forth part of your wasted energy each day to raising the college spirit you'd accomplish today's 'impossible' task.

You complain of being tired—well, darn it so are we—we're tired of seeing Alma going to the dogs.

Marilyn Bell and Jan Heacox

Dixie Grammarians These Men Are Just too Short!

him's not bad him's just sad him's dejected from being objected him wants to be treated like he but some do say him's here to stay him must remain in his own domain and keep his place like a "nigger" race and they condemn the vulgar men who grant this trace of objective case the right to live nominative

—William Sakalauskas
From "Tempo"
Central Michigan College.

Did you ever get that towering feeling? If you have and are over four feet and twelve inches, then you must have been on the Alma campus. This feeling usually becomes predominate when you are standing next to a bunch of fellows in the lunch line. At first, you get the idea that you are standing next to Hillsdale's little league baseball team; but then, you discover, much to your horror, that it is really the Alma basketball team. It is true that height may have its handicaps, but does our little college have to have all Thunderbird-sized boys? Considering the size of the boys up here, it would be a good idea for the Women's Self-Governing Association to draw up a new rule limit-

ing the use of high heels to boys only. Of course, the boys might find it rather difficult to play in high-heeled sneakers; however, the guys at Wright wouldn't need ladders to climb into their bunkbeds—they could just leave their shoes on. On close observation the reason for this height problem can be traced to the feet—if you have them, you are taller than most boys; if you don't have them you are shorter than most boys. So if you have a phobia about your four feet and twelve inches, simply allow the pre-meds up here to perform a little experimental amputation on two of your feet. Please don't get the idea that we are bitter; we're just tall.

Wilma Runyan and Jan Heacox

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With the Greeks

PHI PHI ALPHA

The smell of cigar smoke on Friday morning was evidence enough that the Phis held their annual smoker the night before. A fine crowd was on hand for the evening's festivities.

The new bowling season found the Phis on the winning end of their first encounter. Also, the teams for the basketball league have been organized, and the men are hopeful of adding a few points to their score which determines the winner of the All-Sports trophy.

Congratulations are in order for Ron Sinclair who pinned his hometown girl, Margaret Stegner, of Detroit.

All independent and freshmen are urged to sign the list in the Personnel office if they are interested in rushing a fraternity, and remember, you are always welcome to visit the Phi house and enjoy our recreational facilities.

SIGMA PHI

The Sigma Phi Sorority was very pleased to see so many of the student body at the Amo Te. Due to the turnout we of the sorority would say that the dance was a success.

Congratulations are in order to our sister Nancy Johnson upon receiving her diamond from a past Delt brother, Don Darling.

Sorority rushing is in full swing and we of the Phis are right in the middle of it. Our first rushing party, a tea, was held on Monday, the 25th. The spread and dessert are still to come.

The sorority has already made plans for a booth for International night.

We of the sorority wish to extend congratulations to our brothers, the Delta Gamma Tau Fraternity, on the election of their new officers. A big thank you also to the Deltas for their help on the Amo Te.

Good luck to the new officers of the Alpha Theta and Kappa Iota Sororities. The new officers of the Phis are: Fran Harper, president; Jaye Gebhart, vice-president; Nancy Johnson, correspondence secretary; Rosemary Van Meer, recording secretary; and Marie Boyce, treasurer.

The Question of Co-Education

New York University is faced with the question of whether co-education is desirable. There seems to be at least a chance that the school . . . long a citadel for males . . . will start admitting female students.

Experts who conducted a \$250,000 study of the University's operations have urged co-education at the earliest possible date. In support of that action, faculty members have presented the following arguments: "Co-education would make our students gentlemen . . . Our students as a whole have not had social experience . . . It would improve the social atmosphere."

On the other hand, opponents of the co-education move contend that it would destroy what they call "the desired separation of the student from his own environment." They contend that the University's chief advantage is that it is not co-educational and that to change this situation would be to rule out this advantage. They also say that male students might lose detachment if the girls moved in.

Situated in a New Orleans railroad freight yard is the Live Oak Baptist church, built of lumber from old freight cars; a locomotive bell rings out from its steeple; its pastor is a railroad section hand, operated by Americans.

West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg will abolish for a period tariff barriers among themselves and establish a tariff for goods outside this market area.

Our sincerest sympathy to our sorority sister, Doris Drummond, upon the death of her fiance.

ALPHA THETA

The Thetas are now busy with rushing activities; tea, spread and dinner. Heading the list of activities is the Theta Tavern to be held March 9 in Tyler. This year it will be Tot's Tavern with new and unusual entertainment and we hope you will all come. Carol Blanck is general chairman.

We want to congratulate Mary Lynn Black on her recital last Sunday. It certainly was very beautiful and we were all proud of you, Mary Lynn.

We also want to wish the Delt Sigs the best of luck on their Carnation Ball. It will be a big success we all know.

Again, remember Tot's Tavern, March 9, and we'll see you all there.

DELTA SIGMA PHI

Well, I'm sure by now that you've all heard of the fabulous Delt Sig Carnation Ball which will be held this Friday night. The music will be ably and aesthetically supplied by the Playboys from Michigan State who have made numerous appearances on television as well as playing at multiple other dances. We, of the Delt Sigs, feel that this will be the most unparalleled, predominating dance of the year. So, romp, stomp, and babble up to the nearest Delt Sig and procure a ticket (for a slight stipend) right away.

See you Friday night between 8:30 and 11:30.

Our Boy Elvis

Just about everybody has something to say about Elvis Presley. The Minnesota Daily recently took a long, editorial look at the Presley phenomena and came up with the conclusion that we may be getting excited about something that really doesn't amount to much. Said the Daily:

Another national magazine has a story this week on rock and roll singer Elvis Presley.

The controversial Presley has been enjoying a popularity boom apparently initially supported by high school students. But others have shown a curiosity about the singer's uninhibited delivery and his audience effect. And this curiosity has been prominent in keeping Presley in the limelight.

Of course the exorbitant sums Ed Sullivan and others have paid the singer for his appearances and the flood of publicity he has been getting have helped sustain the public's interest.

But aside from being interested, the public seems to be more upset over this gyrating singer than anyone since Joe McCarthy.

It has heard religious leaders condemn the "menace" of "this immoral person." It has seen them organize youth group meetings so that youth will be subject to a wholesome atmosphere. It has seen them lead prayer meetings.

It has heard high school principals forbidding that students wear Presley-type haircuts. It has seen school dance chaperones cocking inquisitive eyes to ferret out any trace of rock and roll.

And it has seen all this because some of the national press is apparently disturbed by Presley, too. Several magazines have published articles without even an attempt at impartiality. One said that Presley had brought "a new low" to popular music.

If we fear the morality of youth can be dissipated quite so easily we are not putting much faith in youth—the supposed hope of the future. Does any relationship exist between Elvis and becoming a juvenile delinquent?

No one would assert that the singer's influence is even remotely desirable. But it does seem to be true that too often when the public gets aroused, it gets aroused too late.

Fantasy in Pink Is Success



On February 22, the Sophomore Class sponsored their annual anniversary ball. "Fantasy in Pink" was the theme, featuring Bob Eberhart's Orchestra from M.S.U. The dance floor was illuminated with soft pink lights. Huge pink balloons centered billowy cheesecloth which was draped from the ceiling. Attached to these were numerous silver mobs revolving slowly and giving off a sparkly glitter. During intermission, luscious refreshments of pink punch and cakes were served. A variety of dances were enjoyed by everyone until 12:30 a.m.

Around the Campus

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Council is now making preparations for the Inaugural Ball this spring. It is going to be quite an event, so guys — better get those tuxedos out of the moth balls because it will be no less than formal dress.

We've had many applications turned in to us for the Almanian and Scotsman Editors and Business Managers and we have finally reached our decision. We are sure that the Alma Student Body will be well satisfied with our selections.

March 9th has been tentatively set as the date for the spring meeting of the Michigan Association of College Student Governments. We plan to have a large representation from Alma. Hillsdale will be the host this semester.

We would like to remind you that the Student Council is your Council. We represent you! If in the future you have any campus problems that you would like to bring up, please contact any Student Council Member so that the problem may be brought to our attention as soon as possible.

HOME EC CLUB

Regional Vice President
In a recent Home Economics Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, Pat Sowers was elected VP of Province VII. This Province includes Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan. Each state holds one office.

Joan Bush, Patti Henry, Janet Kerby, and Margaret Manese also represented the Alma Home Economics Club at the four-day convention.

Officers Training for WAC's

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, January, 1957—College women in their third year at accredited colleges and universities may now enlist for four weeks' active duty for officer training in the Women's Army Corps. It will take place between their junior and senior years in 1957 before they apply for appointment as officers in the Women's Army Corps, according to the Department of the Army. The number of young women who can be taken in this program is limited.

Training will be conducted at the WAC Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama. Reporting date will be July 14, 1957, and the course will be completed August 10, 1957.

Applicants for this duty between their junior and senior years must meet enlistment requirements. During their training, if they do not measure up to standards as potential officers, they may be screened out and discharged by the school commandant, or if during their senior year they fail to apply for appointment as officers or having made application are not appointed, they will be discharged.

The local U. S. Recruiting Officer has detailed information without obligation about the program and life, travel, and career opportunities available to officers, in the Women's Army Corps.

VET CLUB NEWS

The big Vets show is coming to town on March 15, with a complete cast of cowboys, Indians, villains and heroes. Walter Kiska, Veterans president, was heard to say: "It'll be terrific." With such stars as Smith, Salazar, Cenic, Haun and Van Green, it's hard to see how it could miss.

Tennis Foot

Pipeline Pete Talks

Breathe there a student with conscience so dead who never to himself has said:

We have a union, our privilege to use, fully enjoy, but not to abuse

Cokes in the lounges I know are taboo

Feet on the tables and furniture too

Cigarette burns on everything there

Buttons and pipin pulled from each chair

These things I see as I daily pass by

And now that I see them, I ask myself why.

Are we just little children not truly grown up

Why are we destructive like a young Mongrel pup?

Do we really enjoy things to render asunder?

Not us, we are humans, tho sometimes I wonder!

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You All Come to Meet Us at the Game



Above is pictured the typical Alma College student. We expect many favorable letters from all our alumni from Dogpatch. Did you notice that fine fur coat in the foreground? Well, you just let me give you the lowdown on how our friend came into possession of such a fine specimen. He went to the dark alleys of Alma, from

which very few experienced have ever returned, with his trusty dog and Old Faithful, his favorite gun. After many hours of exhaustive tracking he finally had his prey at bay, but he was still in a dangerous position; he had lost his dog in the mud. For twenty-five minutes he fought for his life. Then, with one mighty blow, he killed the last

of the pack. Yes sir, those tom cats had really put up a battle. All kidding aside, no matter how these fellows are dressed they are loyal Alma fans. What we need is a few more like them. Although we have made fun of them, we are like them. Remember, we will have one more game left. It is at Central Michigan, this Monday night at 8:00. Let's all support the team.

ALMA LOSES THIRD STRAIGHT

At the hands of Adrian, Alma College suffered its third straight loss by the score of 64-61.

Bruce Stephens, with about six minutes gone in the first half, looped one in to put Adrian ahead 13-12. Adrian soon increased the lead to 24-16 and proceeded onto a 36-26 half time margin.

Alma pulled within seven points of Adrian at the beginning of the second half when George Carter dropped in seven straight points. A basket netted by Ron Lude gave the Scots a 41-40 lead as Alma hit seven of eight field goal attempts.

Adrian's Henry Hughes broke a 53-53 tie and scored nine of Adrian's last even points with 5 1/2 minutes left in the game. The lead had changed eight times in the second half with Hughes sharp shooting and the fact that Adrian had only three personal fouls called on them and connect-

ed for 12 free throws to only five for Alma.

High point man for the game was Carter of Alma with 21 points and Hughes of Adrian next with 19 points.

This loss leaves Alma in sixth place in the MIAA conference with a 5-6 record for the season. Adrian is now 7-4 in the conference and tied for second place. They have a 9-4 overall record.

Another One Point Loss for Scots

Another heart-breaking one-point defeat was suffered by the Scot basketball team at Hillsdale last week 82-81, marking the fourth straight loss for the locals and in the last of those, the margin of victory for their opponents has been just five little points. Again it was the case of missed foul throws as both teams hit for 40 percent of their shots from the field, Alma bagging 33 baskets to 29 for the Dales; but cashing in only 15 of 28 foul shots to 24 out of 27 good for the winning Dale squad.

The Dales were red-hot in the first half of the game, running up 50 points to enjoy a 50-49 halftime lead. But they had to be hot for Alma stayed right behind them though it took a scoring splurge which netted 20 points in the final six minutes of the first half to close a 43-29 gap to the intermission score of 50-49. Most of those 20 points the Scots scored in that closing rush came from Ron Lude, Bob Postma and Stan Stolz who led game scoring as well.

Soon after the start of the second period on a jump shot by George Carter the Scots took a 53-52 lead for the first time in the game but immediately lost it to the Dales who kept a 2 to 7 point margin for the next fifteen minutes of play. When the clock showed 2:50 to play Alma had just taken a 77-76 lead on a close-in hook by Lude but again that lead was short-lived.

Tom Tate of the Dales bagged a long shot to regain a one-point lead for his team, Lude gave it back to Alma on a sidecourt shot but Tate again came through at the 1:09 mark with a basket and later Bob Neff added a couple of

foul shots to make the count 62-79. With 20 seconds remaining the jump shot of Stan Stolz cut the margin to one point again but in those remaining 20 seconds Alma had only one shot at the basket and missed to drop another tough battle.

To Bob Postma went top Alma honors as the slender Midland blond turned in his best collegiate game with 25 points while Ron Lude was second with 16. Both gave top honors for the game to a Benton Harbor freshman of the Dales, Jim Reynolds, who bagged 28 points as his contribution to his team's victory.

Alma Takes Olivet for Sixth Victory

Alma College won its sixth MIAA basketball game of the season by defeating Olivet 86-66.

For the first 17 minutes of the game Olivet led, until Ron Lude dropped in a basket to put Alma into a 26-26 tie. Bob Postma placed Alma ahead 28-26, and the Scots went on to a 34-30 halftime lead.

For the first five minutes of the second half Alma held Olivet scoreless while stretching its own lead to 43-30, with Postma and second stringers Dick Acton and Bill York pacing the attack. At the 10 minute mark the Scots increased the lead to 62-50 and went on to win easily.

From the foul line both teams were exceptionally sharp, with Olivet hitting on its first 12 throws and Alma on its first eight.

Topping the Scots was Bob Postma with 26 points and he received help from Ron Lude with 18 and Stan Stolz and Bill York with 12 each. Bob Whitcomb and Terry Troesch lead Olivet each getting 18 points apiece.

Alma is now 9-12 for the season and 6-7 in the MIAA while Olivet is 3-16 for the season and 1-12 in the conference.

The game was the last for the Scots on its home floor.

Railroads transport millions of honey bees—south in the autumn to escape sub-zero weather, back north in the spring. Special measures are taken to protect this highly perishable commodity en route.

SPRING TRAINING SOON TO BEGIN

Alma College's Athletic Director, Art Smith, announced today the Scots baseball, tennis, golf and track squads will participate in a total of 51 contests this spring. The baseball squad has the bulk of the schedule with 24 games but the other three squads will have plenty of action with 12 golf matches, 10 tennis matches and five track meets on the agenda.

Charlie Skinner will be at the helm of the baseball squad. He's beginning his sixth year as head baseball coach and his squads have either won or tied for the championship for the last five years. Last year the Scots won the championship with a fine 12-2 record in conference play and an overall record of 13-6 for the season. Skinner has his work cut out for him this year as the Scots have 12 doubleheaders on their heavy card. Included are seven twin bills against MIAA schools and two game sets with Central Michigan, Ferris and Wayne State U.

Art Smith will handle the golfers, replacing Lloyd Eaton. Alma finished third in the MIAA last year. They have matches scheduled with each MIAA school (7) plus the Field Day at Kalamazoo and non-conference matches with Central Michigan and Ferris.

Walt Myhrum will coach the tennis squad for the third year. Last year the netmen finished fifth in the standings but Kalamazoo will again be an overwhelming favorite to capture the tennis championship.

The track squad will have a new coach in Gary Stauffer, who is also head basketball and assistant football coach. Alma after a late start last year, finished sixth in the MIAA track meet, only one-fifth of a point behind fifth place Calvin. Prospects are brighter this year with a good schedule that includes two dual meets, two triangulars and the MIAA Field Day, plus several outstanding returning lettermen.

Baseball

- April 6, Central Michigan (2) A.
- April 11, *Adrian, (2), A.
- April 23, *Calvin, (2), H.
- April 30, *Albion, (2), H.
- May 3, Eastern Michigan, A.
- May 4, *Hillsdale, (2), A.
- May 7, *Hope, (2), H.
- May 8, U. of Detroit, A.
- May 11, *Kalamazoo, (2), A.
- May 15, *Olivet, (2), H.
- May 20, Ferris, (2), A.
- May 22, Central Michigan, H.
- May 25, Wayne State U., H.
- May 27, U. of Detroit, H.

Golf

- April 11, *Olivet, H.
- April 12, *Kalamazoo, A.
- April 22, *Calvin, H.
- April 24, *Hillsdale, H.
- April 25, Central Michigan, A.
- May 1, *Albion, H.
- May 2, Ferris, H.
- May 6, *Hope, A.
- May 7, Central Michigan, H.
- May 13, Ferris, A.

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May 15, *Adrian, H.
May 17-18, MIAA Field Day at Kalamazoo Zoo Day.

Tennis

- April 11, *Adrian, A.
- April 12, *Hope, H.
- April 24, *Calvin, A.
- April 25, Central Michigan, A.
- May 2, *Kalamazoo, H.
- May 4, *Olivet, A.
- May 7, Central Michigan, H.
- May 10, *Albion, H.
- May 13, *Hillsdale, A.
- May 17-18, MIAA Field Day at Kalamazoo.

Track

- April 27, Alma, Calvin, and Hope at Grand Rapids.
- April 29, Ferris at Ferris.
- May 3, Adrian, Olivet, Kalamazoo, and Alma at Kalamazoo.
- May 7, U. of Detroit at Detroit.
- May 17-18, MIAA Field Day at Kalamazoo.

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